(b) Deos not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Generally the work of the Regulatory Commissions is perceived to have been received well by the stakeholders. The functioning of these Commissions over the past few years, have led to greater transparency, predictability, rationalization of tariffs and grid discipline.

The Electricity Act, 2003 has provided a liberal and progressive framework for the electricity sector. The confidence of the investors in power sector has increased in recent years.

Participation of private sector in power generation is being encouraged through development of projects by transparent process of tariff based competitive bidding. The Central Government has issued guidelines for tariff based bidding for procurement of power by distribution licensees. Guidelines have also been issued for Competitive bidding in transmission. Competitive bidding has already been completed for two Ultra Mega Power Projects of capacity of 400 MW each.

Contribution of CFTRI

1456. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S.ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of achievement by Central Food Technology and Research Institute (CFTRI) and its network of 36 laboratories out of the mandate in catering the nutritional requirement of the people till date, State-wise;

(b) the thrust areas concerned for the next five years to be developed and put into use; and

(c) the weak and grey areas that are hampering the progress and performance?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) No Sir. The mandate of Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) is to carryout research and develop technologies in the area of Food Science. It does not have a network of 36 laboratories.